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In re: Thorp, et al. Examiner: Betty J. Forman
Serial No.: 10/008,233 Group Art Unit: 1634
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June 9, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Post Office Box 1450
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THIRD RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

The present Amendment is in response to the Official Action mailed March 9, 2004.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s), including fees for additional claims, are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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Drawings.

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 3. This sheet, which includes Fig. 3 and Fig. 4, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 3 and Fig. 4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet